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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Adana Detachment

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Deputy Director (Plans). Said recommendation is set forth in paragraph 5.

2. Reference U-2 Capability in Adana. In view of your current policy of "getting on with the job" regarding the accomplishment of IDEALIST missions, e.g., the last two Cuban sorties, it is proposed that we initiate a low key, phased unfreezing program for our asset in Adana to be planned as follows:

Phase One (over 5-10 day period). Local low altitude pattern flying. Pilot proficiency missions, GCA's, penetrations, and touch and go landings - cover being "routine maintenance test flights."

Phase Two (over 10 day period). Routine training missions within the bounds of our established training area in Turkey.

3. During this period a careful study of the locals' acceptance and/or reaction to each flight will be observed. Flights will be individually cleared by Headquarters until such time it is felt that the pattern has been established as routine.

4. Augmentation plans to implement this exercise vis-a-vis Edwards/ Headquarters/Adana have been completed. Edwards will furnish eight people, including two pilots. FYI: Cost per year of the Detachment at its present strength: [REDACTED] With our U-2 air refueling capability coming into being, Adana becomes an even more strategic location for possible Agency operations.

5. It is, therefore, recommended that the phased unfreezing program set forth in paragraph 2 above be implemented upon approval.

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